

SPRING LAKE

T3 ND, Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Spring Lake, Me (7½)

Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Brook trout
Golden shiner
Rainbow smelt
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnows
Golden shiner
Common shiner
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Banded killifish
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 435 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 70°F 47 feet - 46°F

Maximum depth - 50 feet

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, brook trout

Spring Lake is a picturesque, clear water lake with no sand beaches and a boulder-strewn shoreline. A predominately spruce and fir forest surrounds it.

The lake does stratify during the summer months and does retain sufficient oxygen in the cooler, deeper waters to support salmon and trout.

There are very few tributaries that are able to support smelt spawning, but are too small for trout. There must be a natural barrier on the outlet that has prevented the movement of smallmouth bass from the Passadumkeag River into the lake.

Salmon and brook trout are stocked each year. The salmon provide a consistently good fishery while the trout fishery varies from year to year. Occasionally a large brook trout will be taken from the lake.

At the present time Spring Lake is fairly remote and has little development. There are a few camps around the lake but they are not visible from the water. Access is by a gravel road from the Nicatous Road through "Pistol Green". The last part of the road to the lake is very rough and useable by 2-wheel drive trucks only during the dry season.

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